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THE COMMENT

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment in the above identified application in response to the official action mailed on June 1, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 12, 13 and 19 in accordance with the following clean set of claims (a marked up set of the amended claims is attached):

1. (ONCE AMENDED) A saddle element for a static mixer comprising:

a generally ring-shaped support structure having a central axis, concentric inner and outer, radially spaced, circumferentially extending surfaces, and first and second axially spaced, generally parallel edge surfaces, said inner surface defining a fluid flow path which extends along said axis,

said edge surfaces being located in respective generally parallel transverse planes which are essentially perpendicular relative to said axis; and

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